



# Speaking of your basic lecture on professional demeanor...



Chaz

 [cvillette](#)

<https://cvillette.livejournal.com/>

2008-02-05 08:52:00

MOOD: 😬 intimidated

MUSIC: Tom Waits - Get Behind the Mule

...I just got my monthly one. Or, at the very least, I got the thing where Mom walks in, nods to Duke, and doesn't so much meet my eye and say "Good Morning," as stare at the cuff of my trousers and sniff aggrievedly.

What? It's *like* a lecture.

In some ways, it's probably worse.

Sigh. This means I have to go shopping tonight. And here I was thinking of Tuesday Night Clubs Are Not Crowded night. And maybe some climbing.



[locked] Dream Journal

All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning

Elvis doesn't live here anymore.

Hey there. Sorry about the drama. It was... it was an emotional decision, and I didn't

Poppets.

Puppets. Poppet

puppets. Scary.

65 comments



 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 5 2008, 13:39:45 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

But but but... shopping.

It is the Way and the Life!



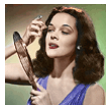
 [cvillette](#)

[February 5 2008, 13:41:19 UTC](#)   [COLLAPSE](#)

Sure. You're built like a fashion model.

I'm built like a measuring tape.

You think it's easy finding work-appropriate clothes that even *remotely* fit?



 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 5 2008, 13:42:21 UTC](#)   [COLLAPSE](#)

...

tellyouwhat.

We take long lunch. We hit the shops. I make you pretty.

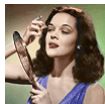


 [cvillette](#)

[February 5 2008, 13:43:19 UTC](#)   [COLLAPSE](#)

This is a clever way of getting me to carry your shopping bags, isn't it?

Although it's true. Every man looks better with an attractive woman on his arm....



 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 5 2008, 13:43:53 UTC](#)   [COLLAPSE](#)

0.0

...when did you learn to flirt?



 [cvillette](#)

[February 5 2008, 13:44:32 UTC](#)   [COLLAPSE](#)

On the internets! See you at 11?



 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 5 2008, 13:45:12 UTC](#)   [COLLAPSE](#)

Trust me. It'll be awesome. Like paper dollies. The shopgirls will think we're famous people slumming.



 [cvillette](#)

[February 5 2008, 13:45:53 UTC](#)   [COLLAPSE](#)

\*ph34rz\*

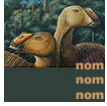


[\\_eljefe](#)

February 5 2008, 22:22:54 UTC

[COLLAPSE](#)

The best thing I ever did that was clothes related was have a suit tailored. When I put it on IT FIT! EVERYWHERE!!!! Of course, there are a few downsides to that. . . .



[\\_cvillette](#)

February 5 2008, 23:59:58 UTC

[COLLAPSE](#)

Gaining weight, unlikely to be a problem. Dropping weight suddenly, however, that I can do.



[\\_eljefe](#)

February 7 2008, 16:27:58 UTC

[COLLAPSE](#)

For me, it's not about the weight. I have broad shoulders, long arms, and um, large thighs from my cycling/running days. I never had a coat that fit correctly, and last time I bought pants they had to take a size 44 (I think) and tailor the waist down to a 36 to get the pleats to look right. Ugh. Whereas my tailored suit has the perfect length, pretty much everywhere.



[\\_cvillette](#)

February 7 2008, 16:52:25 UTC

[COLLAPSE](#)

It probably was easier when clothes were all custom-made.

I like stretchy cotton microfiber pullovers, and I have many, in various states of decay. / like them.

But the office dress code does not.



[\\_tsiankiio](#)

February 5 2008, 14:57:20 UTC

[COLLAPSE](#)

My solution to this problem is to find a nice company I like, find an outfit I like and then buy five of them or so (maybe in different colors). It works even better if they have a website because then you don't even have to go back to the store when you need more. Of course, these days I work in a lab and wear my rattiest jeans and t-shirts to work, the only time I ever dress up is if senators are touring the building (and only because my boss makes me).



[trollcatz](#)

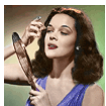
February 5 2008, 16:30:36 UTC

[COLLAPSE](#)

Well, sports fans, they're out there somewhere. Just got a txtmsg from Wabbit:

is lk bathing cat.

(no claws r teeth. yet.)




 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 5 2008, 16:34:49 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

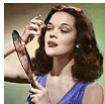
But lots of sulking. And if his ears and whiskers could droop, they would. (He's in the dressing room now. Oh, my god. Those *arms*. He has at least half again as much as he needs for daily purposes.




 [trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 16:38:07 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Can you even *buy* guyshirts by collar size and sleeve length anymore?



 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 5 2008, 16:44:21 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)


Yes. Thank the Flying Spaghetti Monster.

And pants by waist and inseam. However, the stores seem a bit spotty on Chaz sizes in stock.

We're trying on for colors. Then I am going to make him order online. Victorious again!

It would almost get boring, except it doesn't ever.

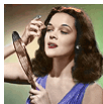


 [trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 16:58:45 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

You, winning? It doesn't get boring from out here, either. \*g\*

Buy anything for yourself yet?



 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:01:41 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Dress up paper dollies much more fun. Besides, I am a vintage & quirky girl, for me. I do not think Platypus would tolerate that....

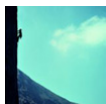
Did you get the photo of the dark green same-color stripe shirt and brown suede jacket? Did he not look almost reputable?



 [trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:05:13 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Eeee! I was cross-mailing you about green when that was coming through. Purty!




 [cvillette](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:12:35 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

ctly lk jckt

\*fcplm\*



 [trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:14:14 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Girls like to pet suede, Platypus. \*g\*




 [cvillette](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:20:41 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

sld!

(is v yuppi jkt)



 [trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:24:00 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

And you will look magnificent in it! When you're not pouting.

(I am so printing that photo and putting it up in the kitchenette. I think your ears really ARE drooping.)



 [cvillette](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:25:43 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

hr clths.

y cn not wear prana plovr & jns evrywher??????????



 [cvillette](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:26:29 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

h8. h8.

aaaaaargh.



 [trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:35:22 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

\*pets\*

I will not put the photo in the kitchenette. (Though I will hide it in my drawer for ETERNITY!!!! in case I need it...)

And I will fetch a dozen of the really good brownies from the cake place and have them on your desk when you get back, in lieu of Coyote cookies.

You are being very, very brave.



[cvillette](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:38:55 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

0.0

blcml vs brns.....

brns win



[inaurolillium](#)

[February 5 2008, 21:25:25 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Ooo, Coyote in suede? Mmmmm...

(Yes, totally aiding the enemy here. But seriously, Mmmmmm...)

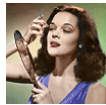


[trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:13:10 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I was kinda hoping for vicarious shoes at least, though.

Your shoes are like those amazing gourmet hand-decorated truffles. I bet the floor of your closet looks like a whole gift box. \*g\*



[Ometotchtli](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:19:53 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

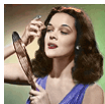
They have no shoes here worthy of my princess feet.



[trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:24:55 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Bah. We scorn them. With bags of scorn.



[Ometotchtli](#)

[February 5 2008, 16:57:22 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Huh. In further notes from the bench outside the dressing room, starting next week, expect a new and more colorful Chaz. Even in his bleached-out winter phase, he looks awesome in teal, blue, and plum.

I think he's a Autumn.



[cvillette](#)

[February 5 2008, 16:57:50 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

i h8 u



February 5 2008, 17:00:27 UTC      COLLAPSE



February 5 2008, 17:03:32 UTC      COLLAPSE

February 5 2008, 17:06:44 UTC      [COLLAPSE](#)

February 5 2008, 17:11:32 UTC      COLLAPSE



February 5 2008, 17:14:13 UTC      COLLAPSE



February 5 2008, 17:16:13 UTC COLLAPSE




February 5 2008, 17:10:33 UTC      [COLLAPSE](#)

February 5 2008, 17:19:41 UTC      COLLAPSE

February 5 2008, 17:21:53 UTC COLLAPSE

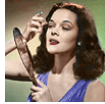
It's true. You need the yellow/olive undertone to get away with it.



 [trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:28:27 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

I could wear orange hi-tops...




 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:29:59 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

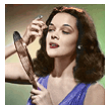
If you'd wear them, I'd *buy* them for you. Someday I'm coming over and burning every khaki thing in your closet.



 [trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:30:41 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

I LIKE khaki!



 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:31:29 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Of course you do, sweetie. Camo saves lives. You can blend right into the wall.



 [trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 17:37:45 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Pbthpbthpbth.




 [eljefe](#)

[February 5 2008, 22:19:34 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

\*mutters\* nothing wrong with khaki . . .



 [trollcatz](#)

[February 5 2008, 22:25:03 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

knew I liked you.



 [eljefe](#)

[February 5 2008, 22:27:17 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

\*grin\*

 [izzylobo](#)

[February 5 2008, 22:51:56 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)



Khaki is good!

(if it were not for Dockers, I would have no pants that I could wear that were not custom tailored. IT geeks cannot afford custom tailoring, unless the company they work for starts with A, G, or M... :-(

Besides, can go from werk desk to shooting range to restaurant/pub without changing. This is good.

 [cjtremlett](#)

[February 5 2008, 23:40:26 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

This whole conversation is the cutest thing on the internet today.

If you can afford it, though, get a tailor-made outfit. The difference is amazing!



 [cvillette](#)

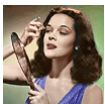
[February 5 2008, 23:59:02 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

0. assaulted me with a tape measure, made me give her my credit card, and then did some mysterious things on the Land's End website.

I'm not to ask.

But I did see something involving purple stripes, and some sort of custom fit option with little dummy people in various shapes and sizes, and I saw her ticking boxes for "extra extra extra skinny."

I guess I'll know in a couple of weeks....

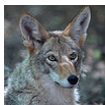


 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 6 2008, 00:10:38 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Dude, if you *like* girls, and you want girls to notice you, you have to dress for girls.

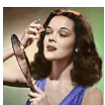
Besides, you have a flat stomach and nice shoulders. The tailored shirts will show that off.



 [cvillette](#)

[February 6 2008, 00:11:21 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

...and clingy clothes are good why?



 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 6 2008, 00:12:09 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Oh, *honey*.

(And perhaps we can draw attention away from your chronic lack of butt.)



[cvillette](#)

[February 6 2008, 00:12:51 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

...



[trollcatz](#)

[February 6 2008, 00:13:26 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

She's got you there.

Come on, saddle up. Are we going climbing/dancing or what?



[cvillette](#)

[February 6 2008, 00:13:41 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

!!!

on it.



[cjtremlett](#)

[February 6 2008, 00:16:57 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

....

I'll be in my bunk ....



[calanthe\\_b](#)

[February 6 2008, 05:50:14 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

*doesn't so much meet my eye and say "Good Morning," as stare at the cuff of my trousers and sniff aggrievedly*

Oh, that's a lecture. It's just one that's been compressed to the point that it doesn't require any actual words in the delivery...

~reads rest of conversation~

~dies laughing~

May I suggest a quicker, cheaper, more convenient and less temper-stressing solution to the clothes problem might be, um, learning how to sew?



[cvillette](#)

[February 6 2008, 12:09:30 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Somehow, I doubt that.

But thank you for the suggestion.



cjtremlett

February 6 2008, 14:45:47 UTC    COLLAPSE

There's always bribing someone who knows how to sew.



calanthe-b

February 6 2008, 23:12:37 UTC    Edited: February 6 2008, 23:13:56 UTC    COLLAPSE

~ponders~ Platypuses + sewing machines = not compatible? I guess I see your point...

*Edited for typo: fingers = stupid this early in morning.*

---

[locked] Dream Journal

All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning

Elvis doesn't live here anymore.

Hey there. Sorry about the drama. It was... it was an emotional decision, and I didn't

Poppets.

Puppets. Poppet  
puppets. Scary.